## House Resolution No. 2622

- Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and
- **Whereas**, the 2007 recipients of <u>The Daily Record's</u> "Legal Leaders of the Year" have been recognized for legal accomplishments and dedication to the Kansas City community; and
- Whereas, after receiving approximately thirty nominations, a panel composed of members from the Kansas City legal community chose this year's winners; and
- Whereas, that group consisted of Nancy Kenner, of Kenner & Kavanaugh, Daniel McCarroll, of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Sly James, of The Sly James Firm, Judge Duane Benton, of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, Brianne Hampton, of Secretary at Law, and Greg Bentz, of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy; and
- Whereas, among the ten Legal Leaders of the Year is Rae Jean McCall, the executive director of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; and
- Whereas, since taking the position in January 2001, the KCMBA has received national recognition for its work; and
- Whereas, under the leadership of Rae Jean McCall, the association began in December 2003 a diversity action plan, which led to the creation of the award-winning Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair; and
- Whereas, the fourth annual Legal Leaders of the Year awards luncheon will be held on April 20, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, and Douglas Linder, UMKC School of Law professor and the creator of the Famous Trials Web site, which receives an average of one million hits per month, will be the keynote speaker; and
- Whereas, John Holt, an anchor at FOX 4 News who holds a law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law, will be the master of ceremonies during the luncheon:
- Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our deepest congratulations to Rae Jean McCall on the auspicious occasion of her being named a Legal Leader of the Year; and
- **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Rae Jean McCall, a Kansas City Legal Leader of the Year.

Offered by
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2622, adopted April 24, 2007.
Rod Jetton, Speaker